

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-20, 25, and 27-30 are pending. Claims 16-20 have been allowed, claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 13, 25, and 27-30 have been amended and claims 2, 21-24, and 26 have been canceled.

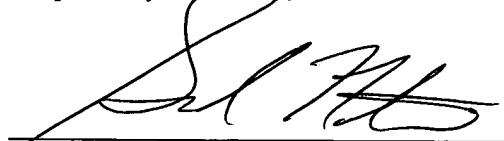
Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 26-30 would be considered allowable if re-written into independent form to include the features of their base and intervening claims. Claims 6, 9, 12, 13, 25, and 28 have been re-written in this manner. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to recite the features of claim 2, claim 25 has been amended to recite the features of claim 26, and claims 29 and 30 have been amended to depend from claim 28.

Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments are sufficient to overcome the rejections and objections in the Office Action, and to thereby place the application into condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 16-0607 and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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